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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1614

FOR DG/PER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, APER

SUBJ: TDY AND ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS FOR PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM

REF: STATE 090641

1. EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION CURRENTLY SWAMPED WITH IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS (MOSTLY VIETNAMESE WIVES AND CHILDREN OF AMERICAN CITIZENS) AS WELL AS OTHER BUSINESS GENERATED BY INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS. TO HANDLE THIS EMERGENCY EMBASSY HAS ASSIGNED TO CONSULAR SECTION ON TEMPORARY BASIS COMMERCIAL OFFICER WITH PREVIOUS CONSULAR EXPERIENCE. VICE CONSUL (WHO NORMALLY SPENDS ONE-THIRD OF HIS TIME ON POLITICAL REPORTING) IS NOW DEVOTING FULL TIME TO CONSULAR WORK. THEREFORE, IF SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL AVAILABLE, REQUEST DG/PER CONSIDER ASSIGNING TWO EXPERIENCED CONSULAR OFFICERS TO SINGAPORE ON 60-DAY TDY.

2. IN EVENT SINGAPORE BEING CONSIDERED AS SAFEHAVEN FOR LARGE NUMBER OF EVACUEES AND/OR EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND OTHER OFFICIAL GOODS BEING TRANSSHIPPED THROUGH SINGAPORE, REQUEST ALSO TDY ASSIGNMENT ONE GSO. CRONK

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